

USDA/1890 National Scholars Program Application Period Opens

Scholarship Recipients Receive Tuition, Fees, Summer Employment

Applications for the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program are being accepted by the Department of Agriculture for the 2011-12 academic year.

USDA/1890 scholarship recipients receive full tuition, fees, books, use of laptop computers and printers, software, summer employment and benefits for each of the four years they pursue a Bachelor's degree. For each year of the scholarship, students receive room and board provided by the partnering institutions. Each annual scholarship renewal is contingent upon satisfactory performance and normal progress toward the bachelor's degree. Upon completion of the scholar's academic degree program, there is an obligation of 1 year of service to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for each year of financial support.

The scholarship program between USDA and the 1890 Land-Grant Universities and Tuskegee University expands diversity through the recruitment of talented students to public service in agriculture-related fields, including food sciences, natural resource sciences and agricultural sciences. Since 1992, USDA has funded scholarships for over 500 students.

USDA selects scholars based on recommendations of participating 1890 Land-Grant Universities. The 1890 Land Grant Universities include: Alabama A&M University, Alcorn State University, Delaware State University, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Langston University, Lincoln University, North Carolina A&T University, Prairie View A&M University, South Carolina State University, Southern University, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Virginia State University and West Virginia State University.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2011, and mailed to the respective USDA Program Manager Office at the institution of the applicant's choice. For more information about the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program, contact Brittini Brown, Interim Program Lead, USDA/1890 Programs, at (202) 205-4307 or by email at brittini.brown@osec.usda.gov. Additional information as well as the application is also available online at <http://usda.gov/1890program.xml>.

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